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BULLETIN

Sunday, February 25, was a big day for U. S. Smelting old timers. The occasion was the Fifth Annual 20 Year Club Dinner held at the Newhouse Hotel.

This year eighteen new members were initiated into the club, bringing the total membership, composed of employees and former employees now retired, to 296.

This issue of *Smeltingco* was being printed when the dinner was held. A story of the highlights will appear in the March issue.

THE DAYS AHEAD

The year 1950 saw burst into flame the embers of what may be another global conflict. It's difficult to predict what lies in the days ahead, but to keep our nation strong, the mining industry will be called upon to do its part. In the words of Defense Minerals Administrator James Boyd:

"The mining industry has a Herculean task before it in providing our domestic industry with the supplies needed for the production of military material and essential civilian goods. You have done the job well in two world wars and I have faith you will succeed in this critical period of mobilization."

Mr. Boyd's faith will be justified. We are confident the mining industry will come through!

WORK INJURIES INCREASE DURING 1950

According to the preliminary estimates of the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, work injuries in the United States during 1950 increased about 4 per cent over 1949.

Approximately 15,500 persons died as the result of work injuries encountered during 1950. An additional 84,900 suffered some permanent impairment of some function of the body. The main bulk of injuries (95 per cent) however, resulted in only temporary disability.

Approximately 40,000,000 man-days were lost during the year as the result of these injuries. This is equivalent to a year's full-time employment for 134,000 workers. If additional allowance is made for future effects of the deaths and permanent physical disabilities, the total economic time loss would amount to about 212,000,000 man-days or a year's full-time employment for about 706,000 workers.

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OUR COVER

This month, in its "Men at Work" series, *Smeltingco* features some of the men who prepare King Coal for market after it has been mined. These men and others do this job in King Mine's modern Preparation Plant illustrated on the cover.

AN AMERICAN SUCCESS STORY

As we move into what may well be the most fateful year in the history of American freedom, with every family called upon to make keenly felt sacrifices, our citizenry needs to be fortified with a better understanding and a re-vitalized appreciation of the American way of life. The story related recently by Helene Forster thus is timely—for it is a part of the sinew and the soul of America. Here it is:

The rumblings of Hitler's National Socialism and the trappings of the police state had begun to move ominously onto the stage in Germany when, in 1924, Johnny and Helene Forster, of Dresden in Saxony, bundled up their two boys and their meager personal belongings and made their way to Hamburg where they got passage in the steerage of an ocean liner bound for America. Upon arrival in New York they had $12. They had no acquaintances, could not speak English. But for the first time in their lives they knew their opportunity had arrived. They were supremely happy.

Both Worked

Johnny Forster found work here and there, often hard manual labor. When he arrived home in the evenings the family would have dinner, then Helene would leave him with the babies and go to her work as charwoman in a Central Park mansion or Manhattan office building. In time the family moved to Chicago and Johnny got work at the stockyards. And, as the boys were now in school, Helene worked daytimes too. They were thrifty, enterprising and, especially for the boys' sake, ambitious. Their love for America grew. They were now naturalized.

On their modest earnings the Forsters furnished a home, gave their sons wonderful American Christmases—and saved a nest egg. Johnny got a job with a service station. In a few years he was operating his own, on a shoestring. And the couple continued to save money. One summer the Forsters took a trip south in their own car. In southern Missouri, on the west bank of the Mississippi, they found a little city they liked, Cape Girardeau, a perfect location for the business they had saved for and dreamed of.

Willing Sacrifices

On heavily traveled U. S. 61 just north of Cape Girardeau, the Forsters built a modern tourist court with five air-conditioned cottages as a starter. This was in 1939. Soon the war was upon them and their plans were disrupted. They were faced with the demand for severe sacrifices. What they did about it is part of Helene Forster's story. "We tried to repay Uncle Sam a little for the happiness he gave us," she told me. "We never had known such happiness. Our sons went to the Navy and were in the fighting. My husband too. I kept the home and business going. We would do it again to preserve this freedom we so highly cherish."

She had written in expressing gratitude for our radio series, "Land of the Free." The lack of understanding and appreciation of the American way of life, especially among some of the younger people who stop off at their now greatly expanded tourist court, worries the

Forsters. "They talk," she said, "as if they knew nothing at all about the value of freedom. How lucky we people in America are."

Where Else on Earth?

"Words in any language cannot adequately tell what we feel about our country," she said. "Where else on the globe can anyone starting with two babies and $12 show what we have? It is like a miracle. Sometimes my husband and I go across the highway and look from there at our place. We pinch each other to be sure it's really ours. We had to work hard, but it was a pleasure.

"These Communists cannot tell just one little success story like ours. Our system of government is the best on earth. I know, because I know the difference. And I am sure there are millions of Uncle Sam's nieces and nephews who have success stories like ours. Joe Stalin can't write a single one—and yet people sometimes talk such rubbish. I guess they really don't know the facts."

That's a good guess, too. So we all have the job of getting the facts and passing them on to others. The freedom flame must be kept burning high in American hearts during this crisis.

THAT OTHER FLAG

At the American National Red Cross building in Washington, a block from the White House, two flags fly side by side — the Stars and Stripes, and the Red Cross flag of mercy. These two flags are as inseparable in national emergencies as on the battlefield.

A Washington newspaper recently called the Red Cross "Old Reliable," going on to say, "When war erupts . . . or when nature goes on a rampage, Americans turn instinctively to their Red Cross . . . but people's memories fade in days of peace, and the organization has a tough time collecting its funds."

In adopting the slogan "Mobilize for Mercy" for its March 1951 fund campaign, the Red Cross asks the help of every American not only in supplying badly needed funds for its expanded work for the armed forces and civil defense, but in recruiting volunteers to make this work possible.

In addition to continuing its regular work, the American Red Cross has been asked to expand its activities as follows:

1. *The Blood Program.* The Secretary of Defense last summer asked the American Red Cross to be the official blood procurement agency for the needs of the armed forces. The National Security Resources Board also has requested that the Red Cross coordinate a nation-wide blood program for civil defense.

2. *First Aid.* The NSRB has asked the Red Cross to undertake the training of as many as 20 million persons in first aid, including all civil defense workers. This is no short-time job, and in accepting it, the Red Cross looks to the public both to fill classes and to help instruct those classes.

3. *Nurse's Aides and Home Nursing.* In an emergency, hundreds of thousands of women will have to give nursing care to their families and their neighbors. More hundreds of thousands will be needed to serve as nurse's aides in hospitals, at blood centers, and emergency shelters. The Red Cross has accepted from the NSRB the responsibility for recruiting and training these women in home nursing courses and as nurse's aides.

To do its regular job as well as an emergency one, the Red Cross will need millions of volunteers — as blood donors, as nonprofessional workers in hospitals, as drivers for motor service, and as other workers in connection with all local chapter needs. The Red Cross has a long history of trained volunteer service.

How much can you give to help make Red Cross know-how count in 1951? How much will you give to keep that other flag flying?

Our local fund campaign begins March 1. Give generously!

Midvale Plant Employees Retire Under New Pension Plan

Five "Old Timers" at the Midvale Plant have retired during the past several months. Four are now receiving benefits provided by the Company under the terms of the new Pension Plan worked out by the Company and the Union and made effective retroactive to July 1, 1950, and one has made application for a pension under the plan.

Shirley Richardson left his job as Flotation operator on October 1 to retire under the new Pension Plan. Shirley had completed 36 years and 10 months of continuous emloyment at the time he retired, most of which he spent working in the Flotation Mill and old gravity concentrator.

Lyman Crittenden, veteran Assay Office helper, was the first to retire in anticipation of the new pension benefits. "Crit," as he was called by his fellow workers at the plant, retired July 1, 1950, after nearly 27 years of continuous service, practically all of which was spent working in the Assay Office.

Following several months of illness, Sofus Larson retired effective January 1, 1951, at the ripe old age of 79, with more than 43 years of continuous service to his credit. Sofus was Powerhouse fireman for many years prior to 1948 when operation of the old Powerhouse was discontinued.

J. William Reid, Flotation operator at the Mill, followed Crittenden, retiring September 1, 1950. "Bill" came to the plant in December, 1922, and worked at the old gravity concentrator until it was replaced by the present Flotation Mill in 1926. He worked at the Mill continuously until his retirement.

Fred Simonson, a Flotation Mill employee since September, 1924, who has made application for a pension under the new Pension Plan, retired shortly after his 65th birthday in January.

Eight Hints On Your Income Tax

How You May Be Able To Save Money With Uncle Sam's Blessing

A Midwest taxpayer, filing his annual federal income tax return, had a bright idea. He took a special deduction of $200 for "depreciation" on his wife.

His reason, he explained to the Internal Revenue Bureau: "She's so worn out she won't get breakfast for me any more." The deduction was disallowed, of course, even though the Bureau investigator admitted the man had the semblance of a case.

Not many taxpayers try to go that far. In fact, according to the American Institute of Accountants, the average taxpayer is more likely to neglect a lot of legitimate ways of saving money on his tax return.

Obviously, everyone should carry his fair share of the income tax. But the government expects you to pay *only your fair tax*—neither too much nor too little. To make sure you don't accidentally overpay this on March 15th, here is a list of eight key checkpoints:

1—Choose the Right Form

Most wage earners will file the simplified form (1040-A) or a short form 1040. However, many could save money by itemizing deductions on the long form 1040, instead of taking the "standard deduction" of ten per cent of their income.

Check your deductions carefully. If they amount to *more* than ten per cent of your income, use a long form. Suppose it takes several hours —you might save twenty-five or more dollars, and that's good hourly pay.

One word of warning. If your itemized deductions total up to *less* than ten per cent, you naturally save if you take the automatic ten per cent with the simplified form 1040-A or the short form 1040.

2—Joint Returns for Couples

If you are married, you can nearly always save money by filing a joint return.

You do this by totaling the income you and your wife receive (even if your wife has no income of her own) on one tax return which *both* of you sign. You can file a joint return with your wife as long as you were married and living together the last day of the year.

The government calls this "splitting your income." Whether it will reduce your tax depends on the size of your income and the number of dependents you have. For example, a man with $4,000 income and no dependents could save $10 by filing a joint return with his wife (assuming she had no income).

3—Take All Legal Exemptions

You have one $600 exemption yourself. In addition, you normally have a $600 exemption for anyone closely related to you by blood or marriage *if* you contributed more than fifty per cent of his upkeep and his taxable income is less than $500 for the year.

A child born any time during the year—even at 11:59 p. m. on December 31 — entitles you to a full year's exemption. The same is true for an infant who dies after birth.

4—Special Exemptions

If you are sixty-five or over, you get an *extra* exemption of $600. If your wife is sixty-five or over, she has the same extra exemption when you file a joint return.

When you are claiming this old-age exemption, be sure to check the right box on the tax return to note your eligibility.

There is a similar extra exemption for the blind and the partially blind.

5—Medical Deductions

If you had any large medical expenses last year, check whether you have an allowable medical deduction. You can deduct medical expenses which exceed five per cent of your adjusted gross income. (Instructions with the tax forms explain what adjusted gross income is.)

Typical deductible medical expenses include: health and hospitalization insurance premiums, hospital, nurse, dentist and doctor bills not offset by insurance, cost of drugs, eyeglasses, dentures, crutches, wheelchairs, and other medical equipment.

6—Home Owner Deductions

If you own your own home, you have a variety of deductions. For example, the interest on your mortgage is deductible. So are real estate and property taxes and assessments, casualty losses, and interest on home repair loans. Incidentally, interest on all loans you have is a deductible item.

If your house was damaged by wind, snow, water or fire and your losses weren't completely covered by insurance, you may deduct the net loss from your taxable income. Make certain, however, you can support the claim you make.

7—Unusual Deductions

Many expenses you have in your work are deductible. Examples: union dues and assessments, fee paid to secure a job, cost of uniforms or tools you buy which are necessary for your job.

You may also deduct personal bad debts up to $1,000. However, you can't deduct net gambling losses — although you have to pay a tax on net winnings.

8—Personal Records

When you take a long list of deductions, there's one thing you should be sure of: that you can substantiate them. Keep receipts and checks on your doctor bills and other deductible expenses.

The government spot-checks income tax returns, and you can't take a chance on not being able to support your deduction claims. Although the Internal Revenue Bureau takes a reasonable attitude, many people have had deductions disallowed because they had no logical proof.

As a final suggestion, read the instructions on the income tax forms carefully. You will save time for both yourself and the government.

The Who, When, How and Where of Federal Income Taxes

WHO? . . . You have to file a personal income tax return if you are a citizen or resident of the United States and had a gross income of $600 for the year. You also have to file if you earned less than $600 but had taxes withheld and want to get them back.

WHEN? . . . The deadline for filing your 1950 return is March 15, 1951.
You also have to file a Declaration of Estimated Income for 1951 by March 15 if:
(1) you will have an income of over $100 from any source other than wages on which your employer withholds tax, and your total income is $600 or more, or
(2) your wages on which taxes are withheld amount to more than the total of $4500 plus $600 for each exemption.
(Farmers are an exception. They do not have to file a Declaration until next January.)

HOW? . . . You can get blank forms and instruction booklets from the office of any Collector of Internal Revenue, or any post office.

WHERE? . . . File your return with the Collector of Internal Revenue for the district in which you live. The post office will tell you the address of the Collector for your district.

MEN AT WORK

Jesse Huntington operates the car dumper. Coal from the mine enters the preparation plant here. Jesse, a native son of Huntington, drives to his job at Hiawatha daily. He has worked at King Mine eight years, including four years as a car dumper.

PREPARING KING COAL FOR MARKET

Today, almost as important as mining coal itself is the job of preparing it to meet the specifications required by the variety of heating equipment in which coal is used as a fuel and to meet the high quality standards demanded by the consumer.

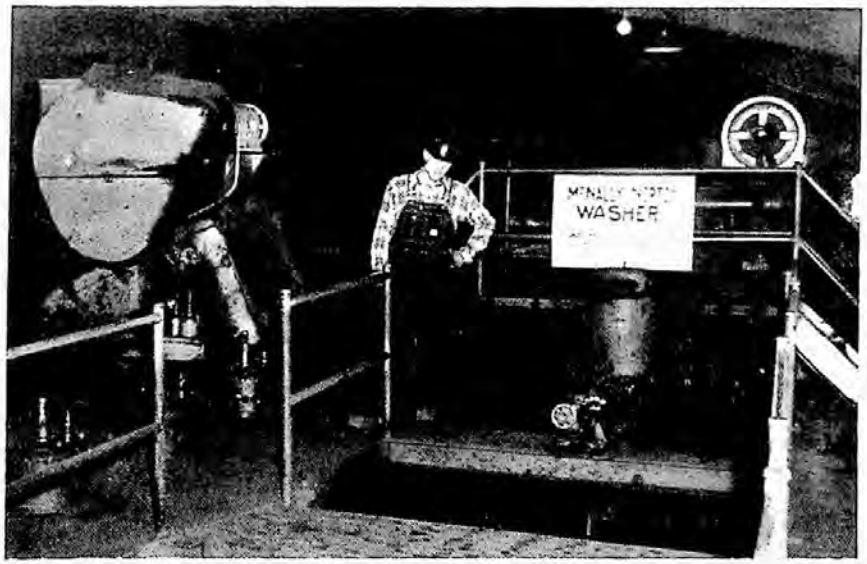
To accomplish this, U. S. Fuel Company operates one of the West's most modern coal processing plants. Every ton of coal mined at King Mine passes through this plant where it is cleaned, sized and blended into the types the market demands. In addition, slack sizes are oiled to allay the dust.

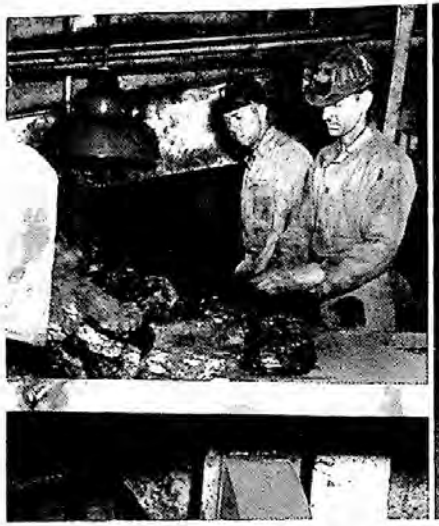
Kenyon W. Simmons, Tipple Foreman, has charge of the preparation plant operation on one shift. "Tim" has been at U. S. Fuel since 1929 and preparation plant foreman for the past seven years.

Just as important as these plant facilities are the men who operate the coal preparation equipment, for they in a large measure control the quality of the product. A few of these men are shown on these pages at their jobs in the King Mine preparation plant. There are many other workmen at the preparation plant, in the mine, shops and offices. Working together as a team, they make King Coal a quality product.

Harry Easterbrook, main control operator at the preparation plant for the past two years, has nine years' service with U. S. Fuel Company. He controls the operation of the maze of conveyors, shakers, screens and elevators in the plant.

Wash box operator Vonal Allred runs the McNally Norton coal washer which cleans out the boney (rock) from all coal up to five inches in size. Vonal has worked at the preparation plant four years, including two years as a wash box operator.





Boney pickers Reese M. Young and John R. Martin. These young men, relatively new employees at King Mine, examine the lump coal and pick out pieces of coal containing boney (rock).

Burke E. Gardner, car dropper, changes the cars under the loading hoppers at the preparation plant as they are loaded. Burke has worked at the mine intermittently since 1946.

Preparation plant mechanics Hyrum Knight, Bill Burgess and Francis G. Monsen. These men keep the preparation plant machinery in repair. Bill Burgess and Francis Monsen are veterans at King Mine. Both men belong to the Twenty Year Club and have been doing mechanical work for many years. Hyrum has been a mechanic at the preparation plant the past three years of the five he has been with the U. S. Fuel Company.

Box car loader operator Alvin E. Jensen loading cleaned and sized lump coal. Alvin has worked on various jobs at the preparation plant the past five years. He has been loading box cars about a year.

IT STICKS OUT ALL OVER!

Ever notice how almost everything a man uses for any length of time begins to take on his own character?

For instance, a man who has a careless streak in him is likely to show it in many different ways—in the clothes he wears, in the way he talks and thinks, and in the way he handles his money or the tools he works with. Rarely do you find someone who exhibits a trait of this nature in only one or two of the things that he does.

By the same token, if a man is careful with the tools he works with every day, he usually shows this same habit in all other activities as well. A man who uses good judgment in the use of tools and machinery is likely to be pretty sound in his thinking on other matters.

Let's make the way we use and keep our tools and other equipment an open advertisement that we are the kind of people who not only have sense but know how to use it to do a job safely and properly. If we do, the good results will speak for themselves.

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I'D RATHER

I'd rather be a could be
If I couldn't be an are
For a could be is a maybe
With a chance of touching par.
I'd rather be a has been
Than a might have been, by far
For a might have been has never been
But a has was once an are.

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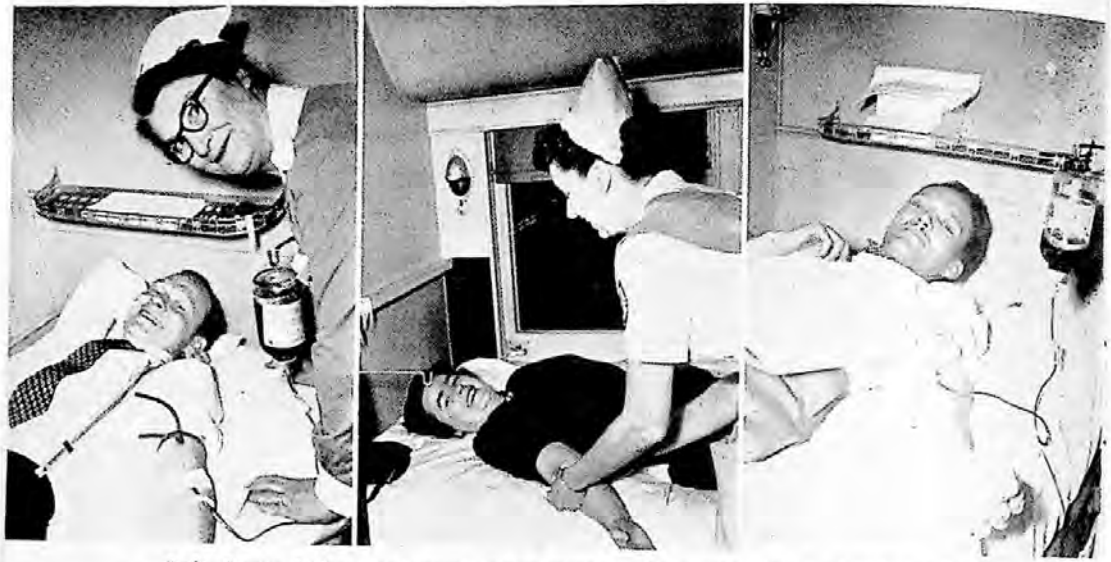
Junior: "Dad, did you go to Sunday school when you were a little boy?"

Father: "I sure did. Never missed a Sunday."

Junior: "There, now, mother, don't you see? It won't do me any good, either."



Left: Louis Nelson gets some extra attention from Mrs. W. L. Latshaw, Red Cross aide. Center: Ruth Meeks has patch put on her arm by Red Cross nurse aide Amy Stevensen. Right: Max Nichols pumps his blood into the bottle.

SALT LAKE OFFICE EMPLOYEES DONATE BLOOD FOR ARMED SERVICES

Salt Lake Office employees responded generously to the American Red Cross appeal for blood for the armed services when the Charles O. Sweetwood Memorial blood procurement car was in Salt Lake City, January 27 through February 2.

U. S. Smelting was one of several large companies asked by Red Cross to solicit their employees for volunteer blood donors. A quota of 20 donors requested by Red Cross was easily filled and Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening, January 30 and 31, this number of our employees visited the blood car stationed at the D&RG Western Depot and each gave a pint of blood for our fighting men in Korea. *Smeltingco's* camera caught the spirit of the occasion as reflected in the faces of those who donated their blood, several of whom are shown on these pages.

Noel Christensen, Joyce Rider, Gladys Dunn and Tom Morris in the lounge awaiting their turn. Joyce and Tom are having their temperatures taken.

Roscoe and Mrs. Webb, Mel Jeffs and Zita Jones enjoy some liquid refreshments after making their donation.

Red Cross canteen worker Kathryn O'Connor pins blood emblem on Roscoe's lapel.

OWNERS

An American tourist was being shown a factory in Czechoslovakia. "Who does it belong to?" he asked. "It belongs to the workers," the guide boasted. Pointing to three shiny automobiles by the office gate, the American asked, "Who do those belong to?" He is told that they belong to the bosses.

The visitor shows the guide a picture of an American factory. "Who owns that?" the guide asks. "Thousands of investors," the American replies. "And who do those motor cars belong to?" inquires the Czech guide, pointing to the row after row of cars parked near the factory gates. "Those belong to the workers," said the American.

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A man who gives in when he is wrong is wise. A man who gives in when he is right is married.

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The wife finally caught up with her husband at the Blue Mirror Bar. She sampled the highball he was drinking and asked: "How can you drink such horrible stuff?"

"You see, dear," he explained, "to think that all this time you thought I was out having fun!"

WHY BE SAFE?

"Do you eat to live or do you live to eat?"

You could ask the same question about safety. Do you act safely in order to live or do you exist just to do things safely?

Safety is not an end in itself. The main point of preventing accidents is to make it possible for all of us to live normal lives.

Preventing accidents is like keeping air in the tires of your car. It may not be the most important thing you can do, but it gives you a lot better ride—and it may save your life.

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"Why did I sock my wife, Your Honor? Well, she just kept deviling me all the time."

"Just how did she irritate you?" asked the judge.

"Well, sir, she just kept saying: 'Go ahead and beat me! Hit me! Go on, hit me just once more and I'll have you hauled up before that bald-headed old reprobate they call a judge and you'll see what he'll do to you'."

"Case dismissed."

RUFUS RAY KNOWS HIS ROSES

Midvale Plant Baghouse Foreman Reveals Some of His Methods

Over the past several years Rufus has taken countless prizes at flower shows and received a great deal of publicity for his perfect roses. Recently in a featured article in the garden section of the *Salt Lake Tribune*, Rufus revealed some of his methods for raising roses. We asked Rufus to let *Smeltingco* pass them on to you.

Rufus' beautiful garden at his home, 302 - 2nd Ave., Midvale, features hundreds of varieties. Each year he tries out the best new roses introduced. If they do not come up to the high standard he demands the first year, he replaces them with other bushes.

Rufus believes a soil mixture consisting of one-third good garden soil, one-third clay and one-third leaf mold is best for planting roses. He also mixes in a little peat moss.

To plant a new bush he digs a hole as big as a bushel basket and mounds the soil up in the center. The crown of the bush is pushed down into the soil mound and the roots carefully spread out.

To revive sick bushes, or for late plantings, he cuts the top and bottom from a gallon can, places it over the bush and fills it with peat moss and water. The can is removed when growth starts on the bush (usually in about 2 weeks). Rufus never lets the roots of a newly planted bush dry out and he does not fertilize the bush the first year.

To take care of pests which attack his roses he recommends an all-purpose garden spray or dust, or his own special spray which he makes as follows: 1 teaspoon liquid garden spray, 1 teaspoon nicotine sulphate and 1 teaspoon oil spray, mixed with each gallon of water. During the growing season he uses the spray every two weeks.

In March, Rufus scatters about a handful of soil sulphur around each bush. To fertilize he uses a mulch of well rotted manure which he puts on in the fall or in the spring after pruning. After the June blooms he rakes in a handful of commercial fertilizer and spreads a mulch of peat moss and compost around each bush.

According to Rufus, healthy plants do not need winter protection except in high altitudes. Here they should be mounded up with soil. Roses should be planted where there is protection from wind to do their best.

If you plan on planting some new roses this spring, Rufus can recommend a large variety for you.

News Notes

MIDVALE PLANT

DON NYDEGGER - *Reporting*

Jim Morton tells us that his son Milton has sailed most of the Korean and Japanese waters as fireman of the aircraft carried *U. S. S. Baroks*. Milton, now stationed at Yokosuka, Japan, when not out at sea, enlisted in the Navy in May, 1950. He sailed for the Korean war theatre last November.

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Milton Morton, left and two friends.

Matt Trontel, Jr., star end on Jordan's 1950 class "A" football championship team, received national recognition recently when he was selected as one of three Utah high school football stars to play on one of two All-American high school teams which will play for charity this coming fall.

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Anita Dunn tells us that Ray, her husband of four months, was inducted into the Army recently. He reported to Fort Lewis, Washington. Ray's twin brother, Roy, who has been working at the Lead Plant, was drafted at the same time.

Clifford H. Titcomb, surface, and Charles Griggs, Flot Mill, also entered the armed services recently.

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On January 19, Midvale Plant employees elected Max Baker to represent the men east of the trestle and Henry Gosman to represent the men west of the trestle, on the 1951 Smelter Day committee. On the same date, clerical and technical workers selected John Labrum as their representative on the committee. Holdover members from last year's committee are Albert Robertson, Flotation Mill representative, Roy Jenkins, representing the supervisors, and Don Nydegger, secretary.

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Burdette Smith's mother passed away recently. She was the wife of Manassah Smith, former mason foreman at the plant, now retired.

Mel, Harold and Carl Meyers lost their father recently. Many old timers of the plant will remember Hans William Meyers, as he was a smelter employee for many years.

George Thomson's son Kenneth died recently in a Naval hospital from complications resulting from a jeep accident on Guam some seven months ago.

We extend our sympathy to these men.

Fraternity Queen

LaRae Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elton L. Jenkins, added a crown to her collection recently when the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity named her Crescent Queen of the fraternity to reign over all functions for the coming year.

She got her crown and sweetheart pin at the fraternity's winter formal Friday, February 23, at the Country Club.

Miss Jenkins was runner-up in the University of Utah freshman queen contest last fall, was an attendant to the queen of Midvale Harvest Days and was queen of several Jordan High School functions.

Active in student affairs at the U. of U., this Midvale Miss is a new pledge of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority and an Air Force training corps sponsor.

U. S. SECTION

MARCEL CHIEA - *Reporting*

Harold B. Overstreet was advanced to stope foreman February 15. Harold is a graduate mining engineer of the Colorado School of Mines and a Navy veteran of World War II. He was employed at the U. S. Section in June, 1949, following completion of his mining engineering training. Since being at the U. S. he has worked as mucker, miner and shaftman. Harold is married and on January 19 his wife presented him with a baby daughter.

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According to Dick Steele and Reed Johnson, the saddest moment in a man's life is when his wife tells him to hold in his stomach and he is already trying his best to do so.

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U. S. Section employees' progeny is still increasing. During the past month, new arrivals have been reported in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Revas, a baby boy; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pacheco, a baby girl; and Mr. and Mrs. William Schulte, a baby boy.

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Wedding bells tolled for Ray Johnson and Janice Peterson, January 11. They were married in Salt Lake City and are making their home in Midvale.

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Joe Ross finally paid the boys at the mine off for getting caught fishing without a license in Wyoming last fall, but the boys think he still owes a little demurrage to the gals in the office for keeping secret his marriage to Alta Rose Walker on September 23, 1950. Seems like a box of candy is in order for the girls in the office, Joe.

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Several of the boys have asked me why Dick Rubright is walking around talking to himself lately. Anyone know?

It's nice to see R. K. Madsen, main hoistman, back on the job and looking fit after several weeks off since an emergency operation in January.

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We are glad to hear that Fred White, mine foreman, who underwent an operation recently, is making good progress.

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Joe C. Gobbis recently learned that his mother, who resides in Italy, passed away. His many friends at the mine extend their sympathy to Joe.

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After being out quite late a recent Saturday night, Jack and Mary Ehrhorn tumbled into bed exhausted. During the night Mary woke up and heard water running. She went downstairs and found a broken water pipe. Rushing back upstairs she called Jack: "Honey, we've got a broken pipe." Jack turned over and said: "Turn it off," and went right back to sleep.

Since then there has been a request from wives of U. S. Section employees to start a class in plumbing and electrical wiring — Dinty Moore and Joe Kopesec are being considered as the instructors.

Walter Rager, who has been acting carpenter shop foreman at the U. S. Section since last November, was appointed to the position permanently, effective February 1.

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Harry D. Hall, stope foreman, has been recalled to active duty in the Army. He worked his last shift February 15 and is scheduled to report at Fort Dix, New Jersey, March 2, where he will make the necessary preparations to travel to Germany for assignment. Harry is a 2nd Lieut. in the Engineering Corps of the Army.

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Woman (opening the door of the refrigerator and finding a rabbit sitting inside): "What are you doing here?"

Rabbit: "This is a Westinghouse, isn't it?"

Woman: "Yes."

Rabbit: "Well, I'm just westing."

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Smog - Fog

While Salt Lake Valley residents were enveloped in a dense fog for several weeks during the past winter, Binghamites saw old sol pretty regular. Proof of this is shown in the photo below taken on the hills at Bingham.

Sea of fog in Salt Lake Valley. Snapshot taken by Homer Whitlock.

The Good Old Days

According to Jim Welch, Lark's "good old days" date back to the early 1900's when Jim first came to Lark. There was a lot of mining activity in those early days, as the pictures Jim picked up from Rube Oliver, motorman at Lark, show.

Bingham Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company was the big producer in Lark around 1905, operating the Dalton and Lark, Antelope, Brooklyn, Commercial, Miners Dream and Sampson, all of which are part of the Lark Section today.

During 1905 and 1906 the Mascotte Tunnel was driven to drain the Miners Dream and Dalton Mines. At that time the tunnel was 600 ft. below most of the mine workings at Lark.

Lark's landscape has changed much since those early days but some of the buildings are still part of the townsite.

Driving the Mascotte Tunnel in 1905. The old burley machine weighed 225 lbs., and used no water.

Left: Mine yard in 1908 — townsite in background. Right: Bill Dixon, shift boss, and Paul Sindor, motorman, are two of three men in picture taken in 1906. Motor is still in use. The horse was used in the mine.

A group of Lark's leading citizens in 1907. Lark ore bins are in background.

Main Street in 1906. Lark Store and Mine Office at left. Boarding house in center. The store and boarding house stand today, but the bunk house at right has been torn down.

LARK SECTION

JIM WELCH - *Reporting*

On a post-season hunt down at Mona, Utah, during January, Joe Dumont, his wife and Tom Torkelson, bagged three nice big elk. Sounds like the Dumonts and Torkelsons have solved the high cost meat problem for some time to come.

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Sheldon C. Anderson was promoted from miner to stope foreman at Lark Section, effective February 1. Sheldon's 16 years of mining experience, all of which has been in local mines in the Bingham and Ophir mining districts, gives him a good background for supervisory work. Seven of these 16 years of experience have been gained in the employ of the Company. He worked at the U. S. Section from April, 1935, until August, 1941, and has been at Lark since February 9, 1950.

Marillyn G. Wells is the new clerk-typist at the Lark Section office. She was employed January 23 and fills the vacancy created by Betty Jayne Peterson's leaving to devote her full time to being a housewife. Marillyn resides in Bingham with her parents.

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John Robert Prowse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hatt, enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps in January and is now receiving basic training in San Diego. John graduated from Bingham High with the 1950 class.

SALT LAKE OFFICE

VIRGINIA MAGLEBY - *Reporting*

Smeltingco welcomes Albert W. Gibbs who was employed in the Engineering Department as a draftsman February 9. Mr. Gibbs, an engineer for the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation in Trenton, Nebraska, for several years, came to Utah in November, 1950, and worked for the Utah Highway Commission for a few months prior to joining our Company. Mr. Gibbs lives at 1137 Sterling Drive with his wife, Lilyan, and son, Don.

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A post card from Jack Crane, former U. S. Section Employment Supervisor at the U. S. Section, now retired, was received by the Industrial Relations Department recently. Jack wrote from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on January 29: "Fishing through the ice is good here, but it's a little too cold for me. The ice is 30" thick on the lake. Jen and I start for Florida next week."

It is nice to hear from Jack and we don't blame him for leaving Milwaukee for Florida this time of the year.

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The Engineering Department's most eligible bachelor, Paul Hood, succumbed to matrimony the seventeenth of February. He picked Joyce James, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William K. James, to be his wife. The couple honeymooned in Las Vegas, Nevada, for a week following the ceremony.

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A newspaper clipping from the *Deseret News* reports that Gerald Steorts, former Accounting Department employee, was made second counselor to Pres. J. Robert Price of the Central Atlantic States Mission on November 21, 1950. During the early part of his mission, Jerry sang with the Utah Centennial Chorus which toured the mission. This group disbanded in July and since Jerry has been doing regular missionary work in Virginia and West Virginia.

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Mrs. Iola Dean

Getting acquainted with her new duties in the Stores Department is Mrs. Iola Dean, who was employed as a steno February 12. The past few months Mrs. Dean has been with the Utah State Tax Commission (see cut). She lives at 2883 Glenmare Street with husband, Wildon.

Mrs. Dean filled the vacancy in the Stores Department created by Beth Bradshaw who is leaving to devote her full time to being a housewife.

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Smeltingco also wishes to announce that Miss Cathryn Burton joined the Traffic Department as a steno on February 19. Miss Burton worked for the Sweet Candy Company as a secretary for a number of years prior to coming with us. Miss Burton replaces Lydia McCormick who has decided to make a career of housekeeping.

Omar O. Victor is enjoying being a grandpa. Daughter Barbara (Mrs. Briant S. Stringham) presented husband Briant and Grandpa Omar with a lovely baby boy January 15. The new boy has been christened Briant III.

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A new home is a thrilling experience several Salt Lake office employees are going to enjoy this year.

January 10 was a great day for Dave E. Allen. On that day he moved into his new white shake home which he recently built on his 31-acre farm in American Fork. Dave gets a beautiful view of Mt. Timpanogos from the dinette window and a scenic view of Utah Lake from the living room.

Afton Bradshaw and husband Howard are about ready to move into their new home at 1887 Laird Avenue. It's a lovely red brick duplex with five nice rooms on each side which Afton and Howard have been planning and building for many months.

Ruth and Arthur D. Meeks are anxiously awaiting completion of their new home in Morningside Heights, a new suburban area about 40th South and 30th East. Ruth tells us that it's a six-room frame home and they hope to be able to move in sometime in the next month or two.

—Deseret News Photo

Afton and Howard Bradshaw on front steps of new home.

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We wish to express our sympathy to John Toronto and to Francis Webb. John lost his father January 17 and Francis Webb's father passed away February 16.

DO YOU KNOW?

• On August 27, 1883, the ocean reached the molten cores of two volcanoes on the Island of Krakatoa, causing the greatest blast in the world's history. The terrific explosion blasted 14 cubic miles of rock into the sky. Sound waves were noted 3000 miles away while ocean waves were recorded over 8000 miles from the scene of the explosion.

• A farm in England has the strange, but lucrative, business of raising mice for use in bacteriological and other scientific experiments. This mouse farm has more than 500,000 mice in stock at all times ready for shipment throughout the world.

• Rose, lemon, brown, and green cotton is now being grown. Color is injected into the roots of the growing cotton plant and results in colored cotton.

HIAWATHA

JAMES CATTERALL - *Reporting*

The first of three two-week courses in first aid training was started February 12. Classes meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays each week at 6:30 p. m. in the mine safety room. New classes will be started at the end of each two weeks for six weeks to give the men on each shift an opportunity to take first aid training. George Mason and James Catterall are conducting the courses.

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We wish to express our sympathy to George Mason, whose father, John Mason, passed away February 8th.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Stevensen and family spent an enjoyable week-end in Salt Lake City recently with son, Jack, who was able to obtain a few days' leave from the Navy. Jack is stationed at a Marine Supply Depot in Nevada.

Kayla Merrill, eight months old daughter, is the pride and joy of Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Merrill. To Dr. and Mrs. Merrill, Kayla's arrival was the most important event in 1950.

More than 60 years of wedded bliss.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hanson completed 60 years of married life last November 5 and hope to raise that figure. Mr. Hanson, who will be 83 in March, is a former employee of the U. S. Fuel Company and father of Mrs. Joseph Parmley of Hiawatha. He retired in 1943 and is an honorary member of the U. S. Fuel Company 20 Year Club.

Variety Show Success

The Hiawatha L.D.S. Ward Variety Show, sponsored by the Primary and held in the Amusement Hall Saturday night, February 10, was a hilarious affair. A ladies' fashion revue featuring many Hiawatha males as demure and fashionable models practically brought down the house. Albert Vogrenic modeled sleepy time attire; Francis Prince, bathing suits; Van Gardner, formals; Paul Storrs, sport togs; Leon Draper, sweaters; and Herbert Marshall, street clothes. Francis Prince and Howard Bingham portrayed the Toni Twins; Calvin Marshall, a housewife; Harry Hayes, a 1920 flapper and "The Thing"; Reid Austin, a negro maid; Orville Johnson, a

Fashion Models — Alden Burdick, Harry Hayes, Francis Prince, Albert Vogrinec, Leon Draper, Howard Bingham, Herbert Marshall and Orville Johnson.

glamour girl; and Van Gardner and Alden Burdick, playmates in clever skits. Floradora girls hid their real charms behind a blanket (see cut) to delight the audience with their comic dances. They were: Mrs. Dean Gentry, Mrs. Emily Jackson, Mrs. Nell Burgess and Mrs. Roxie Gordon.

Other program numbers were: Accordion solo, Carol Smodey; vocal solos, Elaine Hampshire and Claudia Snow; tap dances, Shanna Woodruff and Curtis Johnson; and Erlene Rahala and Charlotte Wycherly; violin selection, William Yates; cornet solo, Reid Austin.

In charge of the show were: Mrs. Leon Draper, Mrs. Joseph Parmley, Mrs. Francis Prince and Mrs. Paul Storrs. Mrs. Thomas Sheffield announced the numbers, Mrs. Paul Storrs was narrator, and Mrs. Hampshire played the piano.

Floradora girls — Roxie Gordon, Em Jackson, Nell Burgess and Dean Gentry.

Hiawatha sons, always among the first to join up to serve their country in time of stress, are among the leaders again. On last count, 37 Hiawatha lads are serving in the U. S. Armed Forces. Six are fighting in Korea: Leonard Burns, Edmond Culwell, Billy Burgess, Leonard Bury, Sandy Eardley and Don Reaveley. Others in the service are:

Frank Petroni	Kenneth Marvel
Jim Garber	Dalton Weston
Mike Kolovich	Jack Graves
Jerry Olsen	Ferron Pappas
Burl Hoopes	Jack Stevensen
Douglas Ping	Bill Hall
Clifford Ping	Dick Mayes
Darrell Story	Sam Petroni
Harold Burgess	Glen Riches
Wallace Baldwin	Jerry Allred
Guy Curb, Jr.	Earl Webb
Windell Raulston	Merlin Blackburn
Donald Larsen	Mack Nielson
Bernard Christensen	Chris Vaseleou
George Stifos	Orlande Heaton
Bob Wilde	

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Santa Claus was mighty good to Danny and Billy Ruddy, adopted sons of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ruddy.

Tommy, age 5, and Michael, age 3, handsome young sons of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jackson.

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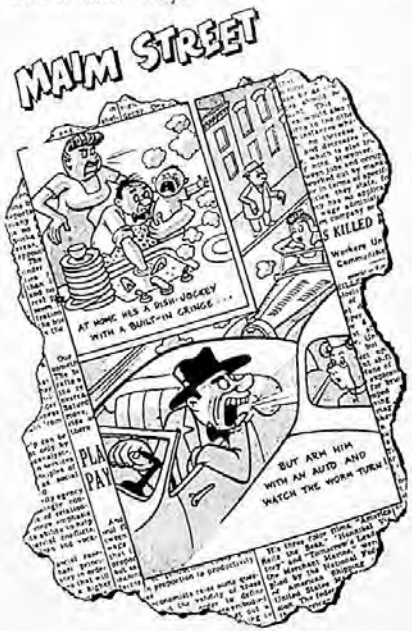
John P. Storrs was appointed engineer at King Mine February 1. He replaces James Shipley, who left the Company on this date. John is a graduate of the University of Utah with a major in mining engineering. He has been at King Mine since October 11, 1949. John's family consists of wife Gladys and daughters Karen and Kay.



THE FENCE OR THE AMBULANCE

Anonymous

'Twas a dangerous cliff, as they freely confessed,
Though to walk near its crest was so pleasant.
But over its terrible edge there had slipped
A duke and full many a peasant.
So the people said something would have to be done,
But their projects did not at all tally,
Some said, "Put a fence 'round the edge of the cliff";
Some, "An ambulance down in the valley."

But the cry for the ambulance carried the day,
For it spread through the neighboring city;
A fence may be useful or not, it is true,
But each heart was brim full of pity
For those who slipped over that dangerous cliff;
And the dwellers in highway and valley
Gave pound or gave pence, not to put up a fence,
But an ambulance down in the valley.

"For the cliff is all right if you're careful," they said,
"And if folks even slip or are dropping,
It isn't the slipping that hurts them so much
As the shock down below when they're stopping."
Then an old sage remarked, "It's a marvel to me
That people give far more attention
To repairing results than to stopping the cause,
When they'd much better aim at prevention.

"Let us stop at its course all this mischief," cried he,
"Come, neighbors and friends, let us rally,
If the cliff we will fence, we might almost dispense
With the ambulance down in the valley."
"Oh, he's a fanatic," the others rejoined.
"Dispense with the ambulance? Never!
He'd dispense with all charities, too, if he could;
But no! We'll protect them forever;
Aren't we picking folks up as fast as they fall
And shall this man dictate to us? Shall he?
Why should people of sense stop to put up a fence
While their ambulance works in the valley?"

But a sensible few who were practical, too,
Will not bear with such nonsense much longer;
They believe that prevention is better than cure
And their party will soon be the stronger.
Encourage them, then, with your purse, voice and pen,
And (while other philanthropists dally)
They will scorn all pretense and put up a stout fence
On the cliff that hangs over the valley.

Editor's Note: The above poem was submitted to Smeltingco by Alton Huffaker.

JANUARY INJURIES

Midvale Plant

A mason helper was cutting concrete with an air hammer and a piece of concrete came up beneath his goggles and entered his eye, causing a small laceration which became ulcerated.

A mill man unloading cars of ore at the sample mill stepped into the path of a train of cars being pushed up the trestle and the front car ran over him, causing fatal injuries.

Lark Section

A workman lost control of the motor he was operating and ran into a closed ventilation door. He received bruises and abrasions on his back and hips.

While timbering a miner dropped a lagging on his foot, bruising his instep.

U. S. Section

While a pumpman was riding the cage, the hoistman failed to stop the cage on the 2800 station and it struck the bulkhead. The force of the impact fractured the pumpman's right leg.

U. S. Fuel Company

While driving a board into place with an axe, a carpenter helper struck the side of his foot, badly bruising it.

While a mechanic was inspecting a drilling machine, the operator moved the machine forward and it ran over the mechanic's foot, contusing his foot and heel.

While a machine operator was cutting coal a piece flew off the cutter bar and struck him in the eye, causing several foreign bodies to lodge in the cornea.

While a car dropper was chipping ice off the track with a pick, the pick glanced and lacerated his right foot.

A mine foreman caught his foot in the coupling between the motor and a mine car while getting off the man trip. He received a bad laceration on the heel and fractured two small bones in his foot.

A nipper caught his foot between the motor bumper and a mine car, severely contusing his right heel.

Safety Ideas Worth Remembering

Get first aid for all minor injuries in order to avoid infection. Many a neglectful individual can now tell you why it is dangerous not to do so.

When in doubt about anything, stop and think the matter over. There is lots of help close at hand wherever you are; ask for it.

A self-respecting worker seldom is injured. He respects hazards and adjusts himself readily to conditions encountered. He also teaches others through his ease of operation, which gives and reflects confidence.

You can disregard warnings and safe practices, but when you do, you will surely pay the price.

Your safety performance is a direct reflection of your attitude towards conditions and practices. Correct and control them daily, and your good work will speak for itself.

SAFETY RECORD

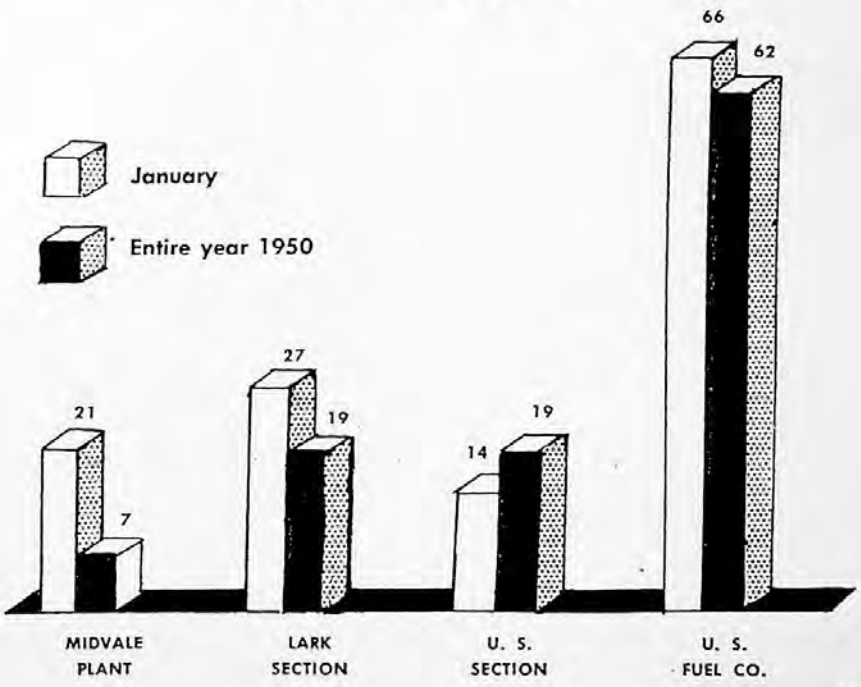
January 1951

Number of Lost Time Accidents

	January
Midvale Plant	2
Lark Section	2
U. S. Section	1
U. S. Fuel Company	6

ACCIDENT BAROMETER

Rate per million man hours



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